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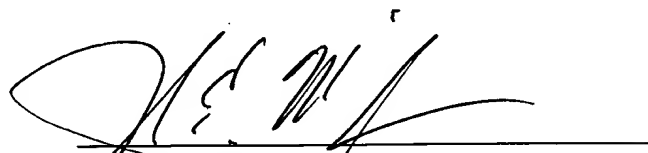
REMARKS

Claims 1 through 28 are pending in the present application. Applicants propose adding new dependent claims 29 through 48. Applicants propose amending claims 8 and 27 to clarify the claim language, although these amendments are not made for reasons related to patentability.

In an office action dated November 22, 2005, claims 1 through 28 were rejected as allegedly being anticipated by a web site www.poweropt.com. During the January 24, 2006 interview with Examiner Felten, Applicants' undersigned representative explained that the applicants have operated the web site www.poweropt.com for some time. However, the present application is directed to improvements that have been made to the web site. For example, with respect to claims 1 and 10, the previously existing version of the web site www.poweropt.com did not provide the claimed methods for identifying stock option spreads. Claims 8, 9 and 27 are likewise directed to improvements that did not previously exist at the web site www.poweropt.com. Thus, although a version of the web site existed prior to the filing of the present application, it is not appropriate to reject the pending claims as being anticipated by the web site.

Applicant's undersigned representative wishes to thank Examiner Felten for conducting the interview and for his continued consideration of the present application. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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